REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes the Examining Attorney has allowed claims 2, 6, 21-27

and 31 and appreciates the same.

Detailed Action

The Examining Attorney has also objected to claims 7-10, 14, 17-20 and

30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim

and any intervening claim. Applicant has made combinations and cancellations

to comply with some of the objections to obtain allowable claim coverage, as

shown above. Applicant submits that all objections have been removed by

amendments combining claims or by canceling.

Claim 1 has been combined with claim 7, and is allowable.

Claims 3 and 5 have been made dependant on previously allowed claim 2,

and are therefore allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the 112 rejection, and is therefore

allowable.

Claim 7 was combined into claim 1 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 8 was combined with claim 1 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 11 has been amended to overcome the 112 rejection, and is

therefore allowable.

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Claim 12 has been combined with claim 14 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 17 has been combined with claim 12 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 28 has been combined with claim 30 and is therefore allowable.

Section 112 Rejections

The Examining Attorney has rejected claims 4 and 11 as being indefinite

for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter upon

which Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant submits that claims 4

and 11 have been amended in compliance with the rejection, thereby removing

the Section 112 rejections.

Anticipation - Section 102(b) Rejection

The Applicant has amended the claims to avoid the 102(b) rejections, as

stated above and shown in the amendments.

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Conclusion

Applicant therefore submits the application is in a position to proceed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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